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ORDER OF NOTICE
Boston Gas Company, Colonial Gas Company, and Essex Gas Company (collectively, "Companies") are required to publish the attached notice of filing and public and evidentiary hearing at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing date of January 30, 2001. The Companies shall publish said notice in the Boston Globe, Boston Herald, Lowell Sun, Cape Cod Times, Haverhill Gazette and Newburyport Daily News.
The Companies are required to make return of service and publication at the time of the public hearing on January 30, 2001.
By Order of the Department,
Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC AND EVIDENTIARY HEARING
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Petition of Boston Gas Company, Colonial Gas Company, and Essex Gas Company for Approval to participate in a Utility Money Pool Agreement under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 164, Section 17A.

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Boston Gas Company, Colonial Gas Company, and Essex Gas Company (collectively, the "Petitioners") have filed a petition with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") for authorization to participate in a Utility Money Pool Agreement ("Agreement") with their affiliates: KeySpan Corporation, KeySpan Corporate Services, LLC, the Brooklyn Union Gas Company d/b/a KeySpan Energy Delivery New York, KeySpan Gas East Corporation d/b/a KeySpan Energy Delivery Long Island, KeySpan Generation, LLC (collectively, "the KeySpan Companies"), and EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. ("EnergyNorth").

The Petitioners' Agreement with the KeySpan Companies and EnergyNorth would allow them to participate in an arrangement to aggregate their short-term cash surpluses to meet the borrowing needs of each participant to finance fuel inventory or working capital. The Petitioners contend that the Agreement will enable the participating companies to increase the return rate on funds lent to the pool and reduce the cost of short-term borrowing requirements.

The Department will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the petition in this docket at the Department's offices, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts on Tuesday, January 30, 2001 at 10:00 AM. An evidentiary hearing will follow. The Petitioners' application and petition and supporting papers may be inspected at the offices of the Department, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Additionally, the Petitioners shall make copies available for inspection at the Petitioners' offices, One Beacon Street, Boston, MA, 02108, the Lowell Public Library, the Haverhill Public Library, Newburyport Public Library, Peabody Public Library, Quincy Public Library and Office of the Town Clerk of Barnstable.

Any person wishing to submit comments in writing on the application and petition in this docket should file comments with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02110 by January 30, 2001. All comments exceeding ten pages in length must be accompanied by an executive summary, of no more than two pages, double-spaced.

Any person who wishes to participate in the adjudicatory proceeding concerning the Petition must file a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, MA 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on January 23, 2001. A petition to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10, and 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department -- not mailing -- constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A late-filed petition may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 1.01 (4) for a waiver of the timing requirement. To be allowed, a petition to intervene filed pursuant to Page 2

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220 C.M.R. § 1.03 (1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

All written pleadings or comments also must be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us, cc: Hearing Officer at marcella.hickey@state.ma.us; or (2) on a 3.5" floppy diskette, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the diskette label must specify: (1) an easily identifiable case caption; (2) docket number; (3) name of the person or company submitting the filing, and (4) a brief descriptive title of document (e.g., comments or petition to intervene). The electronic filing should also include the name, title and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either Word Perfect (naming the document with a ".wpd" suffix) or in Microsoft Word (naming the document with a ".doc" suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. Documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Website. All written pleadings or comments also must be submitted to the Department in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Website, http://www.state.ma.us/dpu/.

By Order of the Department,

MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY